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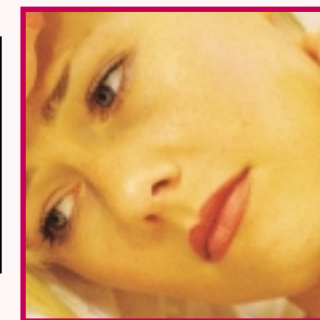
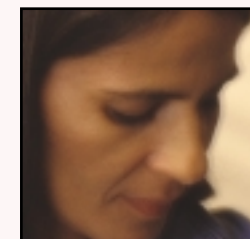
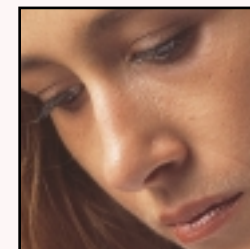
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*U.S. Marine Corps*

# *the Transitional Compensation Program*



*Financial support for abused  
family members*



*Questions  
& Answers*

The United States Marine Corps opposes family violence. If you or someone in your family has been a victim of abuse, the *Transitional Compensation Program* can help you start a new life.

## What is the Transitional Compensation Program?

The Transitional Compensation Program provides financial compensation to abused family members. Family members of service personnel who have been separated or discharged from military service due to domestic violence receive monthly payments from 12 to 36 months.

## How am I eligible?

- If you were married to or are a family member and were residing in the home of the now separated service member when the offense occurred
- If the service member has served at least 30 days on active duty
- If the service member has been convicted of family member abuse and has been administratively separated, been discharged by court martial, or has received forfeiture of all pay and allowances for such abuse
- If the separation occurred after 29 November 1993

Other restrictions may apply. Talk to the Commanding Officer, Victim Advocate or Staff Judge Advocate for additional information about eligibility or the eligibility of any children residing with the service member at the time of the abuse.

## What are the benefits?

In addition to support payments, recipients of TCAFM may maintain medical benefits and Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) privileges.

## How much do I get and for how long?

It varies. Anyone who is eligible for compensation will receive at least 12 months of payments. Duration of payment will depend on the service member's end of military obligation. Payments will consist of a minimum of 12 months, maximum of 36 months.

The rate of payment is set by law and should be used for living expenses, such as food, clothing, housing and other necessities.

## Could someone forfeit or lose Transitional Compensation entitlements?

Yes. If the spouse receiving the payments remarries anyone, payments terminate as of the date of the marriage. If the former service member lives with the spouse or children receiving TCAFM, payments terminate.

If the domestic violence conviction is reduced to a lower punishment or administrative separation is revoked, payments terminate.

## How do I apply?

The Application for Transitional Compensation (DD Form 2698) is the key to receiving entitlements. The service member's unit Commanding Officer or Legal Officer will complete the DD Form 2698 and will assist you in completing a Direct Deposit Form. Compensation will begin after the application has been approved by Headquarters Marine Corps.

The Commanding Officer or Legal Officer must complete all the information on the application before you sign and date it. After it has been signed, the Commanding Officer or Legal Officer must mail it within 5 business days to the Headquarters Marine Corps Transitional Compensation Program Specialist for approval.

If you want more information about the Transitional Compensation Program, contact your local Family Advocacy Program representative or Legal Office.

## A Quick Look at the Transitional Compensation Program *Financial Compensation for Abused Family Members*

- Program provides monthly payments from 12 to 36 months to qualified family members.
- Family members of service members who have been separated or discharged or receive forfeiture of all pay and allowances because of domestic violence may qualify.
- Payments are intended to help recipients meet living expenses.
- Commissary, Exchange and MCCS privileges continue with support.
- Some payments can be forfeited or lost; learn beforehand what can cause you to lose your benefits.
- Medical benefits are provided for the length of the entitlement period.
- Commanding Officers or Legal Officers must complete the application (DD Form 2698). You may complete the Direct Deposit Form.
- Compensation begins after the application has been approved by Headquarters Marine Corps. Payments are retroactive.